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TITLE OF INVENTION: DRILLING FLANGE AND INDEPENDENT SCREWED WELLHEAD WITH METAL-TO-METAL SEAL AND METHOD OF USE

| APPLN. TYPE    | SMALL ENTITY      | ISSUE FEE DUE           | PUBLICATION FEE DUE | PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE         | DATE DUE   |
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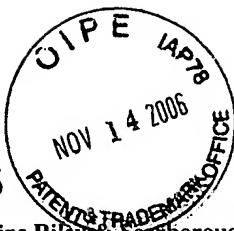
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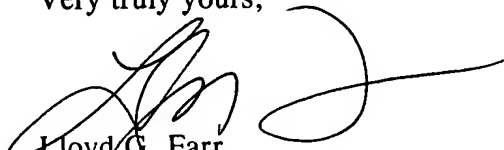
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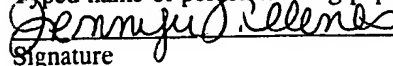
  
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